

Kettle Moraine State Forest Northern Unit



2016 Winter into Spring Programs

Welcome to the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit, a unit of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve. The Kettle Moraine is internationally known for its famous glacial features and fascinating diversity of plants and animals. We encourage you to stop in at the Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center to learn more about our glacial past and to plan your stay in the Kettle Moraine.

Throughout the year, the forest naturalists present a wide array of fun-filled educational programs. These programs are held at the Ice Age Visitor Center, Mauthe Lake Recreation Area, Long Lake Recreation Area, or at other spots in the forest. There are programs for all interests and age levels. Check out this brochure to find opportunities which pique your fancy. Most programs are **free**, but some forest locations do require a State Park System vehicle admission sticker. We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events. For more information about the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit or the public programs, contact the forest staff at the following locations:



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit
N1765 County Road G
Campbellsport, WI 53010
262-626-2116

Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center
Located half mile west of Dundee
N2875 Hwy 67 (not a mailing address)
Campbellsport, WI 53010
920-533-8322



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January

Seasons Go Round Nature Storytime

January 1 (Friday) - No Program
January 7, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Thursday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Winter, spring, summer, fall... Every year the seasons go round and round. Learn about why we have four seasons in Wisconsin. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

Get Outdoors! Learn to Snowshoe

January 9, 10:00 - 11:45 a.m. (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center



Learn how easy it is to snowshoe and then get outside to enjoy the wonders of our beautiful snow-covered forest. Snowshoes provided for those who do not have any. This program is best for people older than 8 years. To register, call 920-533-8322 by **January 7**.

Recording the First and Last Evening with Nature Program

January 14, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Thursday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Jackie Scharfenberg, Forest Naturalist

What day did the cranes return? The first trillium bloomed when? Keeping track of natural happenings is the science of phenology. Discover what can be learned from these records and how you can contribute your findings to national pools of data. This program is best for people over the age of 10 years old.

Whooo's Awake? Owls! Nature Storytime

January 15, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (Friday)
January 21, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Thursday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Come discover remarkable facts about the nighttime hunting owls. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

Get Outdoors! Learn to Cross-country Ski

January 16, 9:30 - 11:45 a.m. (Saturday)
Zillmer Trail Area (located off County Road SS between County Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)



Dust off those cross-country skis and head to Zillmer to gain the skills to make cross-country skiing fun and safe. This program is best for people older than 10 years. To register, call 920-533-8322 by **January 14**.

Reading Adventures with MJ, the Dog

January 16, 10:00-11:30 a.m. (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Drop in to read a winter nature story to MJ, a trained therapy dog. This is a great opportunity for early elementary students to practice their reading skills. Use one of the books provided or bring your own. Make a craft before or after your time with MJ.

Get Outdoors! Learn to Ice Fish

January 16, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. (Saturday)
Mauthe Lake Rec. Area Picnic Shelter



Learn the tricks of winter fishing with experienced ice anglers. We will start inside the Mauthe Lake picnic shelter for a presentation on safety tips and appropriate gear and tackle. Then it's off to Mauthe Lake to try our best at luring those fish out of the water. Equipment, tackle, and bait will be provided. This program is best for people over 6 years old. To register, call (920) 533-8322 by **January 14**.

February

Wake Up Groundhog! Nature Storytime

February 4, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Thursday)
February 5, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Learn if groundhogs can really predict the coming of spring and other tidbits about their lives. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

Candlelight Ski/Hike

February 6, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Saturday)
Zillmer Trail Area (located off County Road SS between County Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)



Cross-country ski or hike in the Kettle Moraine State Forest-Northern Unit by candlelight. At the bonfire join fellow hikers and skiers for hot drinks and snacks provided by the Friends of the Kettle Moraine. The trail is perfect for novice skiers with no steep hills or sharp turns. Warm up in the heated Zillmer shelter building.

Winter Star Gazing

February 6, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Look through a telescope or binoculars to bring into focus the wonders of the night sky. With the help of knowledgeable night sky observers from the Northern Cross Science Foundation, spy distant planets, dumb-bell nebulas, globular clusters, and so much more. The program will be held only if the skies are clear. This program is best for anyone more than 8 years old. Drop in any time and stay as long as you like.

Nature Friendly Farming Evening with Nature Program

February 11, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Thursday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Tina Kohlman, Dairy & Livestock Agent
UW-Extension Fond du Lac County

Farming often makes the news when something goes wrong like a manure spill or contaminated wells. But, there are many farmers who embrace techniques and technology that work with nature making them much more sustainable. Discover just what these farmers are doing to have a positive impact on the environment on their farms and surrounding areas. This program is best for people over the age of 10 years old.

Whooo Goes There? Owls Exploring Nature Program

February 13, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

On silent wings owls fly through the night! Join us as we investigate how owls are adapted to be such terrific nighttime hunters. This program is best for families/groups with children between the ages of 6 and 12 years.



Whose Tracks are These? Nature Storytime

February 18, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Thursday)
February 19, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Join us as we explore the woods and fields for animal tracks. We'll even figure out a few tricks to determine whose tracks they are. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

Reading Adventures with MJ, the Dog

February 20, 10:00-11:30 a.m. (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Drop in to read a story about animals in winter to MJ, a trained therapy dog. This is a great opportunity for early elementary students to practice their reading skills. Use one of the books provided or bring your own. Make a craft before or after your time with MJ.

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Wild Turkeys – A Wildlife Success Story Evening with Nature Program

March 10, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Thursday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenters: Jackie Scharfenberg, Forest Naturalist
Dan Weidert, DNR Wildlife Biologist

Historically, wild turkeys lived throughout most of the United States east of the Rocky Mountains, but after overhunting turkeys were absent from the Wisconsin landscape for many years. Learn about the amazing reintroduction of these incredible birds in our state and their fascinating life history. This program is best for people over the age of 10 years old.

The Joy of Nature Journaling Exploring Nature Program

March 12, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

A nature journal is a great way to remember your outdoor experiences. Discover tips on keeping a journal and ways to get started. Afterward, turn your creative energies loose as you make very own hand-bound journal. This program is best for people over the age of 8 years old. To register, call (920) 533-8322 by **March 10.**

Rat-a-tat-tat, Who's There? Woodpeckers Nature Storytime

March 17, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Thursday)
March 18, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Why do woodpeckers peck trees? What are they looking for? We'll find out the answers to these questions and a lot more about woodpeckers. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.



March

Loud-mouth Jays Nature Storytime

March 3, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Thursday)
March 4, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (Friday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Screech! The blue jays announce their presence to the world. Join us as we try to decipher what the jays are

Reading Adventures with MJ, the Dog

March 19, 10:00-11:30 a.m. (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Drop in to read a bird nature story to MJ, a trained therapy dog. This is a great opportunity for early elementary students to practice their reading skills. Use one of the books provided or bring your own. Make a craft before or after your time with MJ.

April

April Showers Nature Storytime

April 1, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (Friday)
April 7, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Thursday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Find out just how April showers help awaken the spring flowers. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

Upscaled Art Exploring Nature Program

April 9, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Don't throw that away! It can be turned into a work of art! Come create inner tube rubber stamps, paper bead necklaces, and other unique projects. This program is best for families/groups with children over 6 years old. To register, call 920-533-8322 by **April 8**.

Journey around the World Evening with Nature Program

April 14, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Thursday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenters: Connie Ramthun and Bill Volkert

Connie and Bill took seven and half months to travel around the world. Join them as they share the highlights and wonders from their amazing once in a lifetime journey. This program is most appropriate for people over the age of 10 years old.

Shhhh! Listen Nature Storytime

April 15, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (Friday)
April 21, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Thursday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

It's amazing what we can discover when we are quiet

and listen. Join us for a listening walk through the fields and forest. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.

Reading Adventures with MJ, the Dog

April 16, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday)
Ice Age Visitor Center

Drop in to read an amphibian nature story to MJ, a trained therapy dog. This is a great opportunity for early elementary students to practice their reading skills. Use one of the books provided or bring your own. Make a craft before or after your time with MJ.

Spring Symphony Night Hike

April 22, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. (Friday)
Zillmer Trail Area (located off County
Road SS between County Road G
and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)



Nature awakens from its long winter slumber with a symphony of sound. Journey through the darkening spring woods to locate the members of the spring choir. This hike is most appropriate for adults and children over the age of 6 years.

Earth Week Litter Pick Up

Sponsored by the Friends of the Kettle Moraine

April 23, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Saturday)
Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive (Meet at the Forest
Headquarters off County Road G south of County
Road SS near New Prospect)

Help give the Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive a spring cleaning. Join others for a morning of camaraderie and litter pick up. Youth and other groups are encouraged to participate. Bring your own gloves. Garbage bags will be provided. Meet at the Forest Headquarters off County Road G to get your road assignment. After cleaning up, return to the Headquarters for snacks and refreshments. To register groups, call (262) 626-2116.

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